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## First Thoughts . . .

Writers will often comment on how difficult it is to start writing when you have a blank page in front of you. Imagine how much harder it is when you have a whole blank year in front of you. What do you write about? 2017 is old news now and it is time to look ahead to the new - but who knows what the new will bring?

Anyway, the advice writers give when faced with a blank page is to *just start writing* - so here goes: Oh . . . the blank page has gone - now what? I guess I'll just have to think of something to write about.

I could start with a grumble - that's dead easy to do. Aren't we all experts in complaining? But maybe as it's the start of a new year, it would be better to start on a positive note. *Start as you mean to carry on*, the saying goes, whatever that means. What if after starting, you realise that things aren't going the way you wanted them to? If you stick to your mantra, do you risk falling into Albert Einstein's definition of insanity: Doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results? Except that although it is often attributed to Einstein, there is no evidence that he either said or wrote it.

But I digress. I still haven't thought of anything to write about. So,

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what's the other bit of advice from the experts? *Write about what you know*. I am tempted to comment that it would be pretty difficult to write about something I know nothing about (although there are plenty of pundits who give their opinion on things they know nothing about); but I'll refrain from being facetious and think about what I know.

Well, I know there is almost no chance of me getting tickets to see Bruce Springsteen's solo-acoustic show currently running on Broadway. (Unless there is some generous benefactor reading this who arranges it all for me.)

I also know that Hull's period of office as City of Culture has come to an end - and that I missed everything.

Hmm, a bit negative there and I was supposed to be keeping things positive. Mind you, I doubt I would be able to keep up the positivity all year. Where would the fun be if I couldn't have a good grumble about things now and then? I reckon I'll start with a grumble: So . . . Oh, no room left.

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## Gazette Deadlines

The deadlines for the next two months are:

**February issue: January 10th**

**March issue: February 10th**

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## Did You Know?

Cephalacaudal recapitulation is the reason our extremities develop faster than the rest of us.

## Cover Picture

A scraggy looking black grouse which landed on the fence of Brenda White, who shot it.

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Thanks to all who contributed and especially to all who assisted with this year's appeal.

**Martin Sunderland**

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1	1896	German physicist Wilhelm Röntgen announces his discovery of x-rays
2	1839	1st photo of the Moon (French photographer Louis Daguerre)
3	1962	Pope John XXIII excommunicates Fidel Castro
4	1954	Elvis Presley records a 10 minute demo in Nashville
5	1959	Buddy Holly releases his last record "It Doesn't Matter"
6	1965	Geoff Boycott takes 3-47 against S. Africa, his best Test bowling
7	1714	Typewriter patented by Englishman Henry Mill
8	1974	Loch Ness Monster "photographed"
9	1811	1st Women's Golf Tournament held
10	1839	Tea from India 1st arrives in UK
11	1922	Insulin is used for the first time to treat diabetes
12	1969	Led Zeppelin releases their debut album
13	1915	The worst earthquake in Italian history kills 30,000
14	1559	Elizabeth I is crowned Queen of England
15	1759	The British Museum opens
16	27	The Roman Empire is established
17	1991	The Gulf War in Iraq begins
18	1964	The Beatles make their first appearance on US Billboard Chart
19	1903	New bicycle race "Tour de France" announced
20	1942	Nazi officials meet to organize the extermination of Jews
21	1911	23 cars take part in the first Rally Monte Carlo
22	1901	Queen Victoria died
23	1556	The deadliest earthquake on record kills 830,000 people in China
24	1076	Synod of Worms
25	1573	Battle of Mikatagahara; Takeda Shingen defeats Tokugawa Ieyasu
26	1905	The world's largest diamond is found in South Africa
27	195	"Heartbreak Hotel" single released by Elvis Presley
28	1958	The Lego brick is patented
29	1886	German engineer Carl Benz patents the first modern automobile
30	1948	Mahatma Gandhi assassinated by Nathuram Godse
31	1961	Ham the Chimp travels into outer space

## The Space

The Space is a project that started out as collaboration between two friends, Hannah Hurley and Melissa Miller, who found a venue that had a lot to offer. Nestled in Reeth, in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales, (in the former premises of the Swaledale Outdoors shop in Anvil Square) The Space offers an ideal location for a person to grow knowledgably, creatively, and spiritually.

Hannah Hurley, originally from Cornwall, moved to Richmond 29 years ago, Hannah has had several businesses; an antique shop, interior design business, ran art & circus skills workshops in Darlington, worked as a project manager for the NHS for 16 years and then decided she wanted to work locally to spend more time with her husband and daughter and bought Rooftops Montessori Nursery School in Richmond which she now runs alongside her new venture with Melissa. Hannah feels strongly about supporting local communities and her vast contact list of local artisans and friends will enable this project to bring skills and experiences to locals and visitors to the Dales.

Melissa Miller, Canadian born, moved with her husband Stuart, the Landlord of the George and Dragon in Hudswell, after both deciding to quit the London

rat race. Melissa has been working as a Management Accountant for the past 10 years but recently has been looking to have a more community led lifestyle which is more in tune with her values and personality. Having fallen in love with the Dales, her eye has cast inwards and is now seeking to showcase everything it has to offer whilst keeping a keen commercial awareness.

The goal of The Space is to create a place for members of the community, and tourists to the region, to interact and connect in an innovative, open environment. It will provide a platform for local skilled trades people, crafters, artists, and business owners to showcase their talents. This will be achieved through a variety of workshops, talks, and classes. These will be a mixture of hosted events via a planned programme, but also The Space will be made available for hire. The venue is intended to be an intimate setting hosting up to 20 delegates depending on the forum.

The Space will be opening in January, with an open drop in session on Thursday, 11th January 2018 from 12noon to 8.00pm. This will be an opportunity for the community and local businesses to visit the venue and discover how The Space could work for them.

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Another frequent scam is the caller claiming to be from HMRC claiming there is an outstanding bill and a court order has been obtained for payment and that unless the 'victim' pays immediately, bailiffs will be sent round. Often the criminal will ask for payment in i-tune vouchers. Again **this is a scam**: HMRC **never** conduct their business making demands by phone.

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Eileen is our arch tidyupper. She can be quite ruthless (I could do with her in my house) but even she finds the shed can defeat her sometimes. We have quite a good stock of tools in the shed and in theory everything has its place. The cupboards and drawers are labelled etc so why is it that suddenly instead of having three pairs of scissors we

haven't got any and there isn't a small trowel to be found anywhere? Perhaps they have fallen down behind something; perhaps they have been left in the garden. Whatever it is, it means buying another set so Gill has the shopping list.

Come the Spring we should be fully equipped to tackle the next round of tasks: winter pruning of the apple trees, splitting the perennials and doubtless the weeding. Let's hope that time soon comes.

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- She didn't see me creep down the stairs to have a peep - **I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus**
- Come and trim my Christmas tree, with some decorations bought at Tiffany's - **Santa Baby**
- Gifts I'm preparin' for some Christmas sharin' But I pause because hangin' my stockin' I can hear a knockin' - **Zat You, Santa Claus?**
- He sent a note to Santa for some soldiers and a drum; it broke his little heart when he found Santa hadn't come - **The Little Boy That Santa Claus Forgot**

And the tiebreaker: The first song in this list, *Santa Claus Is Coming To Town*, was first sung in 1934?

As this edition of the Gazette was sent to the printer's at the beginning of December, at time of writing this I haven't had any entries yet - which is not surprising because it is November. So the winner will be revealed in the February issue, along with the winner of this month's challenge, which is:

As some of you may have received the album of Roy Orbison's greatest

hits featuring the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in your stocking, I'm using another of John from Stratford's suggestions - once again made a little easier for you by me. These songs have all been recorded by The Big O; what are the titles?

- I was alright for a while, I could smile for a while
- Dum dum dum dumdy doo wah
- Your baby doesn't love you anymore
- I don't believe you, you're not the truth
- I had to escape the city was sticky and cruel. Maybe I should have called you first but I was dying to get to you

The tiebreaker: Including duets and with The Traveling Wilburys, how many singles did Roy Orbison release?

The usual rules apply; with £5.00 going to the charity of the winner's choice. Unless no-one got the Santa songs, in which case it's a roll over.

### New Year Bonus

As it's the New Year, here's a one-off special: A donation of £10.00 will go to the charity of the choice of whoever sends in the longest list (in terms of number of song titles) of songs which have whistling in them.

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## **Leaders: 'Increase Council Tax On Second Homes'**

Increasing council tax on second homes in the Yorkshire Dales National Park is one of a number of measures being proposed as part of efforts to help attract and retain families to live and work in the area.

Civic leaders from across the Dales are joining forces to look at seeking approval for a five year pilot, which would see a significant local increase in council tax on second homes introduced.

Currently there are about 1,500 second homes in the Park, representing more than ten per cent of the total housing stock.

Cllr Foster, a Member of the National Park Authority, considers that the local authorities have a duty to their communities to try to address the causes before it is too late: "All across the north of England we have seen a flight of young people from the more remote rural areas like the Dales - and only a trickle of young people and families have come in to replace them.

"Action in four key areas - economic development and job creation, broadband infrastructure, the retention of vital local services, and housing - is needed. On housing, local authorities in the Dales are putting an immense amount of work into trying to get new, affordable homes built. But so many homes are being lost to second home ownership that the positive effects of the new homes are being cancelled out. I think we've come to the point where we would not be doing our duty if we didn't take a serious look at

second homes. Do we really want to be known as the generation that sat on our hands while our communities fell apart?

"Second homes are typically unoccupied for much of the year. That results in a substantial economic loss to the local community and - perhaps even more important - a loss of vitality. It doesn't seem unreasonable to suggest that second home owners should be asked to help make good these losses. Higher Council Tax charges on second homes could be the answer. Any additional money raised through this pilot could be ploughed back into community services."

Richmondshire District Council Leader, Councillor Yvonne Peacock, who is also a member of the National Park Authority, said: "I want our Dales communities to keep going and to thrive, and that's why I want to see action on the really big issues such as economic development and housing. It is becoming increasingly clear that one of the ways we can help local communities is by prioritising their needs over the needs of second homeowners.

"Young people have left the upper Dales in high numbers and one of the reasons why so many have left in recent years - and why so few families are attracted here at the moment- is that good, affordable housing is out of their reach. A large council tax increase on second homes could change that.

"Incentivising the sale or renting out of second homes could bring more homes back into full-time occupancy. For a twentysomething who returns from work each evening to a bedroom in their parents' house, passing several empty houses on the way must seem very wrong."



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The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Chairman, Carl Lis, added: "The Authority cannot achieve its two statutory purposes of conserving the landscape and promoting its enjoyment by the nation without strong, viable communities. There is no doubt that we need to retain more of our young people, and attract others from outside the park, but at the moment we've little chance of doing either because there is not enough available or affordable housing. The situation cannot be attributed to the high number of second homes alone - but it is certainly a factor.

"By stimulating the housing market, second homes have helped to create an affordability gap between house prices and local wages. The knock-on effects are a 'flight' of working age people, school closures and loss of services."

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On Armistice Day Paul Hutchinson played the last post and reveille at the War Memorial on Reeth Green. The weather on Remembrance Sunday was dry but cold for the march from Reeth to Grinton. Hymns were sung, during the service in St. Andrew's Church to band accompaniment and Nigel Robertshaw played the last post and reveille during the laying of wreaths. Our trip to York on 18th November, to play for St. Nicholas's Fair, was also undertaken on a dry but cold day. The coach left Reeth at 8.30am, after several stops on the way to pick up, arrived in York at 11.00am. A band of more than twenty players set up in St. Helen's Square in sight of York Minster and St. Helen's Church. We played suitable seasonal music for over four

hours, using a shift system to rest players. On the way back to Reeth the band stopped off at the Staveley Arms in South Stainley for a well earned dinner. This turned out to be a very enjoyable and memorable day. Photographs can be found on the band's Facebook page on our website [www.reethbrassband.co.uk](http://www.reethbrassband.co.uk) Christmas festivities will be well and truly over by the time you read this. The events that took place in December will be reported in February's edition of the Gazette. The band will now be concentrating on practicing for the forthcoming year. Some engagements have already been arranged including the Swaledale Festival Concert which will be held, once again in St. Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale on Tuesday 5th June 2018.

The earliest documented record, of a Brass Band in Reeth, only dates back to 1865, this is recorded in the archives of the Teesdale Mercury Newspaper. The band is however in possession of a conductor's baton which is inscribed "Reeth Teetotal Brass Band 1862". This baton is to be presented to the Swaledale Museum for safekeeping. A photograph of the baton can also be seen on the band's Facebook page.

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Artist, Ed Kluz (also a local lad) is looking to gather stories, folklore, special-memories, local songs and passed down fables. From the seemingly mundane to the utterly fantastical, if it is something that you remember fondly, he wants to hear about it.

Ed can come to your home if this is easiest for you or we can arrange a time for a few people to get together

(with tea and cake). Ed will also be attending a coffee morning or two at Quaker Close in the January and February. Ed will happily listen to your stories, or if you are feeling creative he can guide you to depict them in a visual way too.

Ed is one of four artists in residence in Reeth, working on a project called Fabric of Place. The four artists are working with different people within the community to create an exhibition of artworks that represent the area; from people's stories and memories to the ancient archaeology, to the night sky and young people's aspirations to the walks and the landscape. Part of Ed's artwork will be a fabric design based on the stories he gathers and this will feed into the Fabric of Place exhibition in October 2018 at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes.

Fabric of Place is a Chrysalis Arts project produced with funding from Arts Council England, North Yorkshire County Council's Stronger Communities and the Yorkshire Dales National Park Sustainable Development Fund.

If you would like to be involved in a workshop or memory sharing session with Ed please get in touch with Emily Wilson on 07834 529753 or email [emily@chrysalisarts.com](mailto:emily@chrysalisarts.com) - Ed cannot create his artwork without your memories so please do get in touch.

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October's speaker was Dr Graham Rogers on 'Getting through the Daily Grind: North Yorkshire Family Life and the 19th-Century Rural Economy'. Graham had researched and analysed a variety of records at the North Yorkshire County Record Office to build up a vivid picture of the daily experience of ordinary agricultural labourers and their families in the local area, the type of work people did, wages, the food they ate, the clothes they wore and what type of houses they lived in. He explained some of the changes that occurred in the economy and population in the 19th century and gave a comprehensive list of sources for his information including census, tithe, charity, estate, farm, school and even clothing club records.

Using Dalton as an example he showed the changes during the 19th century in the number of people working on the land. At one time the narrow crofts behind each house, supplemented by common rights of grazing, would have allowed each household to be self sufficient, but over time this became unviable and

they had to live by selling their labour. The Field Books for some estates gave more detail - cultivated land created a high demand for labour, not just of men but their entire families. Wages for agricultural labourers were low in comparison with many other jobs and the demand was seasonal, meaning that income varied according to the time of year. Women were paid much less than men and many workers were not employed full time, so although they had a daily rate, they were not earning this every day. On some estates operating a piece work system the situation was even worse, with wages dependent on, for example, the weight or number of acres of turnips pulled. School log books showed how often children were absent at some times of year when their labour was essential in the fields.

Living conditions were often basic and cramped, especially where large farmhouses were divided up into homes for several families. Bread was the dietary staple and Graham explained that in 1790, 84 % of earnings were spent on food, 64% on bread alone. One hundred years later by 1893, 72% of wages went on food, and 38% was on bread. By then the diet was more varied but a labouring man needed



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about 4,000 calories a day, most of which came from bread.

There were several slides of paintings by Sir George Clausen who specialised in pictures of rural workers and gave a good idea of the type of clothes they were wearing and the conditions in which they laboured. Village clothing clubs helped people to afford new clothes in monthly instalments topped up by subscriptions from wealthy landowners but these were strictly for hard wearing, no nonsense working garments, typical of Clausen's pictures.

Meetings recommence on Wednesday, February 28, at 2.00pm in Harmby village hall when Jennifer Deadman will be looking at 'Farm buildings of the heart of Teesdale'. Non-members are very welcome at £2. For

further details phone 0743 2677 783, email [moverley.yorkshire@outlook.com](mailto:moverley.yorkshire@outlook.com) or see the website <http://www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk> for details of all events and the worldwide email discussion group.

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## The Wonders of Saturn

The images on these two pages were taken by the probe Cassini. Its 20 year mission ended on Sept. 15, 2017, as the on board power source failed and the craft plunged into Saturn's atmosphere.

### Opposite Page: Top

The planet Saturn, as seen from the probe, 95 times the mass of the Earth and with 62 known moons orbiting, Saturn is famous for its rings. Formed from dust, ice and chunks of rock, these rings are still being formed.

### Middle

The planet Earth, as seen from Saturn, 890 million miles away, it took the Cassini probe 7 years to reach its destination.

### Bottom Left

Two of the many shepherd moons, that keep the rings of Saturn in order.

### Bottom Right

Saturn also has its own flying saucer shaped moon, named Pan, this is also a shepherd moon, clearing the Enke Division, the gap between the rings that can be seen from Earth.

### This Page: Left

The moon Mimas, has a spectacular hexagonal crater, cause unknown at present as all other craters seen in the solar system are circular.

### Right

Enceladus, another bizarre moon, has geysers of water near its south pole, indicating some form of geothermal activity 940 million miles from the Sun.

For those with access to the interweb, more information on the Cassini mission can be found at:

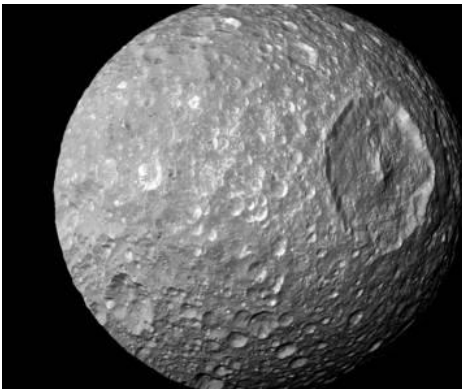
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There is also a free Ebook that can be downloaded for free from Nasa that contains 100 of the best pictures of the 23000 images that were taken by Cassini. Unfortunately, for those of us who are dinosaurs and prefer a REAL BOOK, there is nothing available, yet.

Happy New Year.

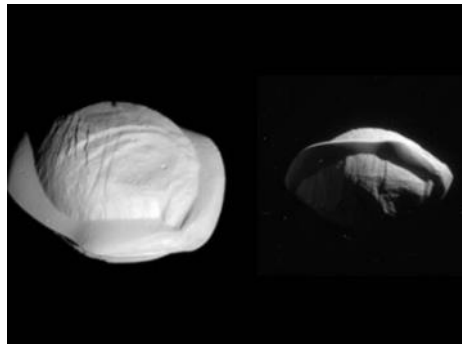
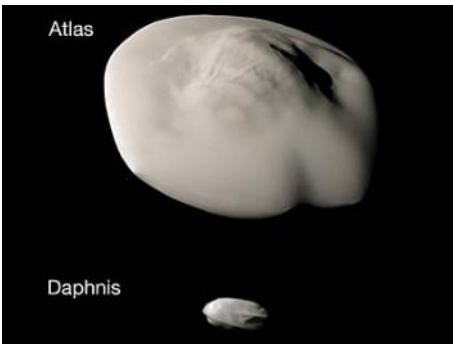
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(He will be back)



**Fun Fact:** The planet Saturn is named after the Roman god of farming, Saturn. The planet's symbol is a sickle, a tool that belonged to the Roman god of harvest and was also the weapon Cronos used to castrate and depose his father, Uranus.





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The afternoon started with a more relaxed rehearsal style session led by Musical Director Hugh Bowman with Greg Smith accompanying on the piano, and the large group melded and the visiting singers re-familiarised themselves with the music. After a splendid tea there followed a complete run through of the selected choruses and as the final Amen died away we all felt uplifted and ready for Christmas to begin.

The event raised £815 for the Farming Community Network, a voluntary organisation and charity that supports farmers and families within the farming community through difficult times.

### Melbecks Society Coffee Morning

The Melbecks Society's annual Coffee Morning raised a total of £1100 for Reeth Medical Centre to help towards the purchase of a FeNO breath testing monitor to measure airway inflammation and improve asthma management. The organising committee would like to thank everybody who supported the event, and to everyone who helped and donated raffle and tombola prizes.

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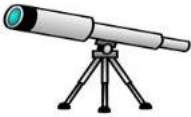
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	2.00 pm	Keld URC	
	6.00 pm	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Iona Evening Prayer in Fremington Village Hall</i>
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14 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist in Fremington Village Hall</i>
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18 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	7.30 pm	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service</i>

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## Church Services January 2018

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## Astronomy In The Two Dales

January winter nights - cold, crisp and dark for hours and hours and ... lovely! The deep winter night sky is dominated by the constellation of Orion, the Hunter. The chart opposite shows the sky to the south east at about 8pm on January 17th.

The seven brightest stars of Orion form an hourglass shaped asterism. The three stars close together - the Belt - are about a third the way up from the horizon to overhead. The four corner stars mark imagined shoulders and knees.

The slightly orange star at the upper left 'shoulder' (north east) is Betelgeuse - a 'cool' red supergiant that is so large it would occupy almost as far as Jupiter if it replaced our sun. It is expected to explode and become a supernova within a million years, quite soon in astronomical timescales. In contrast, the star to the lower right (south west) is Rigel, a 'hot' blue/white star.

Orion's Sword hangs below the Belt. If you look carefully around that area when your eyes are adapted to the dark, you may see a small fuzzy patch - The Great Orion Nebula (fancy word for space cloud). The Orion Nebula is big ... 24 light years across and is where stars and planetary systems (like our own solar system) are formed from collapsing clouds of gas and dust. The radiation from the newly formed stars causes the surrounding nebula to glow and become visible. A spotting scope or pair of binoculars will show a slightly brighter smudge, maybe a pair of bird

wings shape.

The brightest star in the night sky - Sirius - is down and left of Orion in the constellation Canis Major (Greater Dog), and twinkles many colours due to the earth's atmosphere.

MOOCs - Massive Open Online Courses - a term coined in 2008, are online educational resources that use a range of collaborative tools to deliver an amazing array of subject matter, including astronomy and cosmology - many of which are free. FutureLearn (owned by the Open University) has a free course offering a more detailed look at Orion starting on January 8th. See their web site for further information:

[www.futurelearn.com/courses/orion](http://www.futurelearn.com/courses/orion)

If you wish to start the year exploring our universe with real rather than virtual astronomy companions our group meets at 7:30pm every 2nd Monday of the month at Unit 14, the Dales Centre, Reeth, DL11 6SP. If you would like to come along please phone: 01748 884926 or e-mail:

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### Wensleydale Society

The January meeting will be held on Friday 5th January at West Burton Parish Hall starting at 7.30pm, when the speaker is Sandy Carter and her subject is 'Who's Who at Marrick Priory.'

### Leyburn Arts & Community Centre

We will have a free art exhibition in January by local young people and the new Lunch and Chat club continues on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Coming soon, Ian McMillan & Luke Carver Goss; storytelling by Michael Mears; Northern English Folk Band Rapsallion and flower demonstration by Nick Grounds, Flowers, Fizz & Fun. Tel 01969 624510 for information.

### LASS: Leyburn Arts & Social Society

New members wanted! Come and join us on Tuesday Jan 23rd in the Oak Room at Thornborough Hall at 7.15pm. A very friendly bunch of people, low cost film or entertainment with refreshments. For more information, please tel Brian on 01969 623257.

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Gemma Hewitt, Marie Curie Community Fundraiser explained: "If you're highly organised and passionate about a charity that cares for people living with a terminal illness, then this role could be for you. Supporting the charity gives people the opportunity to gain unforgettable experiences, immerse themselves in a new culture, face fresh challenges and obtain new skills while doing something fulfilling. So if you're interested in the role of secretary, please get in touch."

If you would like further information about volunteering or fundraising opportunities then please contact Gemma Hewitt:

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## **Wensleydale School: New Sixth Form Offer**

The Wensleydale School has launched a new offer for Post-16 students. Starting from September 2018, students in the school's Sixth Form will be able to access an exciting new curriculum that will prepare them to exceed and excel in the world of business. "What we are offering in our new Post-16," says Deputy Head Andrew Wilkinson, "Is quite unique in the local area and we hope to attract students from across the Dales."

Charles Barnett, who will lead the newly created Wensleydale Sixth Form Business and Innovation Centre said: "We want our students to be the innovators of the future. To exceed as an entrepreneur or business owner, however, you need more than just a good idea. Success is down to how you market a product, manage your finances and develop the structures to ensure you can deliver on your promises. Helping our students to develop these skills is what this new offer is all about."

The course will give students the opportunity to do a range of A levels and Level 3 qualifications in subjects including Business Marketing, IT, Sociology, Psychology and a practical maths course looking at issues such as inflation.

Mr Barnett added: "What is really exciting is that not only will our students spend time learning in the classroom but, through our partnership with the Lower Wensleydale Business Network, we will offer each and every one of them an internship and business mentor to help them develop more

practical skills."

David Poole of the Lower Wensleydale Business Network said: "Too often we see young people leave our community because of a perceived lack of opportunity. The establishment of The Wensleydale Sixth Form Business and Innovation Centre will open up opportunities by giving our young people the skills and experience that employers are desperately looking for when they are recruiting. In addition, it will enable our talented students to create opportunities by developing their bright ideas into small and medium sized businesses that can thrive here in the Dales. For these reasons the Lower Wensleydale Business Network is very supportive of this fantastic new initiative."

Julia Polley, Headteacher, said: "Over the last few years the school has seen significant progress in so many areas. Our results are up; Ofsted has praised our progress; and we are competing against some of the biggest schools in the country. It is right that we turned our attention to the Sixth Form to look at how we can best support not just our students, but also our community. I have no doubt that The Wensleydale Sixth Form Business and Innovation Centre will play a very important role in the future of this part of the Dales."

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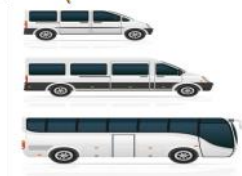
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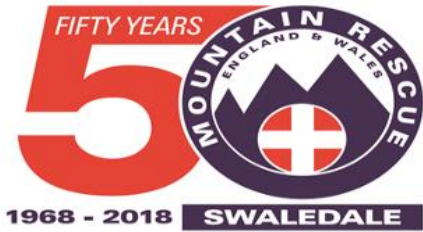
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It is time for spring cleaning to begin, when the objects come out from under wraps, and new displays are organised. We are looking forward to installing Roger Preston's latest photographs of lime kilns - dramatically set and strikingly posed. Then we have over 70 knitting sheaths to think about - we have some ingenious ideas for their presentation. Plus with an eye for the unusual we have spent the autumn gathering exciting new stock for our shop.

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For more information and booking contact Helen Bainbridge at The Swaledale Museum, The Green, Reeth, DL11 6TX preferably by e-mail at [museum.swaledale@btinternet.com](mailto:museum.swaledale@btinternet.com) or by telephone 01748 884118 or 07969823232. Visit our website [www.swaledalemuseum.org](http://www.swaledalemuseum.org) to find out more about what we do. Why not become a Friend of the Museum and get in FREE, with reduced admission price to our talks? **Helen Bainbridge**

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Bellerby Study Group arranges talks in winter and walks in summer. Meetings are at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Church Street, Bellerby. Talks are followed by tea and cakes. Fees are still £10 per term for members; visitors and guests are always welcome at £2 each per meeting. For more information contact Douglass Dempster 01969 622040.

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## Celebrating 10 Years Of The Reeth Lecture

In 2008, I wanted to find a suitable event to hold in Reeth's Methodist Chapel during the 2009 Swaledale Festival. Performance events were problematic because of the layout; it was designed for one person talking in the pulpit, so I decided on a lecture and set about finding someone to deliver it. Then the pun hit me and the Reeth Lectures were born.

Since 1948, BBC Radio's annual Reeth Lectures have been given by leading figures on a variety of subjects to mark the contribution to broadcasting by Sir John (Lord) Reith, the corporation's first director-general. Following the BBC's lead, I decided that well-known personalities would be ideal for our Reeth Lectures and I decided that they should talk expertly about something other than themselves, and avoid politics, religion and sport - mainly because I didn't want fights breaking out.

The first Reeth Lecturer was Sir Roy Strong who spoke about saving English Parish Churches, which was appropriate because many are used as Festival venues. Roy was followed in 2010 by his old friend Brian Sewell who chose 'What is the point of Art History'. (I had just embarked on an Art History degree course at the time, but Brian didn't put me off.) Brian was controversial and hilarious. We spent an extremely enjoyable day together, during which he launched our children's art exhibition at Bowes Museum. We kept in touch until his death a few years later.

Lloyd Grossman spoke about

conservation in 2011, and while he was here he went searching for the chapel's original harmonium - eventually finding it in the Swaledale Museum where he gave an impromptu recital! In 2012, Time Team archaeologist Carenza Lewis's talk on her 'Big Dig' project inspired the SWAAG diggers to set up a Big Dig event in Reeth and Grinton, which Dr. Lewis launched.

In 2013, Lucinda Lambton spoke eloquently about toilets (mostly fancy Victorian ones). Meteorologist Michael Fish's 2014 talk on climate change made us think, and made us laugh when he blamed his infamous 1987 hurricane gaff on Bill Giles! 2015's guest Adam Hart-Davis, whose father had lived in Marske, asked 'Are we alone in the universe?', and in 2016, Andrew Graham-Dixon gave a brilliantly entertaining talk on 'Appreciating Art'. In 2017, the pianist and musicologist Professor David Owen Norris cleverly echoed Brian Sewell's lecture with 'What is the point of classical music?'

The series has developed a special character, partly because the shameless pun seems to encourage a certain humour in talks which otherwise can be rather serious, and because the lecturers have mostly been a little eccentric, to say the least.

I like the fact that people talk about the Reeth Lectures throughout the year and approach me with suggestions for the next one. Do keep the ideas coming but don't be disappointed if they don't materialise. The Reeth Lecture is very difficult to programme; I probably invite ten people for every one that says 'yes'. Well-known personalities are reluctant to commit to a talk in Yorkshire months in

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advance in case they have to turn down a television series later. Some wait for months before telling me they can't come, and I have to start again.

It's sad that the Methodist Chapel - the venue for the first eight lectures - has closed. We are fortunate, however, that the good people of the Congregational Church have welcomed us warmly and saved the Reeth Lecture from extinction.

I'm pleased to say that every Reeth Lecture has sold out, but I often meet people who left it too late to book. Well here's a heads-up:

The 10th Reeth Lecture will be given by the popular mathematician Marcus du Sautoy on 7 June 2018. His talk, 'A Song to Symmetry', revolves around the symmetry and hidden codes in the music of J.S. Bach, especially in his iconic keyboard masterpiece 'Goldberg Variations' which will be performed twice during the Festival. Online booking opens on 26 March, so please mark these dates in your diary.

If you are particularly worried about missing out on this, or any other events, you might consider subscribing to our 'Festival Friends' scheme. Members benefit from an exclusive advance booking period, amongst other things. Details on our website.

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## Upper Dales Family History Group Part 2

November's speaker was Dr David Severs on his research into 'Wensleydale Clockmakers and their Clocks', illustrated with photographs of the clocks which had been in an exhibition in Leyburn during the summer, along with additional illustrations to give an idea of the way the technology and design had changed over the years.

The earliest examples from the 17th century only had an hour hand, with half and quarter hours shown on the dial face. Improvements in design eventually enabled the addition of a minute hand, eventually along with second hands and extra dials to show phases of the sun and moon. All these extras came, of course, with a price tag and the sophistication of your timepiece was definitely a status symbol.

As well as making clocks and watches (and sometimes sundials) an important part of the clockmaker's work was visiting the more prestigious local houses once a week to wind and adjust the clocks and one particular man was noted for always dressing in his best to make his rounds.

David also gave the background to his research and listed some of the many publications, of varying degrees of accuracy which he had used to compile his list of local clockmakers, including some families which were omitted altogether from some of the standard texts. Many of the families

followed the trade for generations, passing down their skills from father to sons, and with daughters marrying into other clock making families. Most also trained apprentices who would often move away, taking their skills with them and setting up business in a new area.

The earliest local clock maker David had identified was John Ogden of Bainbridge, born around 1665, originally at Halifax. John was a Quaker and a friend of George Fox; it is thought he came to Bainbridge because of persecution elsewhere. He made fairly simple, single handed, 30 hour clocks (needing daily winding). Interestingly, by this period, it would have been possible to make two handed clocks but Ogden chose not to - either because he was fairly old fashioned himself or because his clients were. Apparently many people found the minute hand hard to read after being used to a simpler, albeit less accurate dial.

Many other names and anecdotes followed, bringing the story right up into the 20th century, showing how the designs had changed from plain and engraved metal faces to elaborate designs, painted to fit the requests of the buyers. Even the case was significant, the shape of the doors indicated if the clock was made in the north or south of the country. Flat topped, or 'cottage' clocks were made for houses with low ceilings, more elaborate swan necked or horned examples were for larger buildings.

This was a fascinating talk, crammed with research into local families as well as a masterly overview of the changing face of dales clocks and some of the far flung places they had ended up.

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- Do not drive off until all of the glass is clear
- Remember not to leave wipers in 'auto' when frost is expected - if wipers are frozen to the glass the wiper motor could be damaged. Don't try to force frozen wipers off the glass
- Never use just-boiled water to clear glass - it could crack the glass, freezes quickly and could ice your wipers to the glass
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Jack Dalton was still injured and Dales played a very disappointing first half allowing Leyburn to take a 4 goal lead into half time. Josh Luchford retired injured just before half time, up to which time only he and Lorcan



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O'Neil, who had made some good tackles in defence when it mattered, showed any real football.

Dales rallied in the second half. Oliver Scott went into goal and made some good saves. Josh came back on only to be injured again briefly but was awarded a penalty as a result which he powered in. The rest of the squad played better in the second half but nowhere near their potential and their unbeaten record came to an abrupt halt losing 1-4.

The Under 8s play a tournament once a month and this month it was hosted at Leyburn. The Under 8s (who are a mixture of Under 7s and 8s) have only just come together so the tournaments are a bit of a struggle. They are full of enthusiasm and are making good progress. Although playing much better than at the Richmond tournament they didn't win any games but the scorelines are much closer and were not overwhelmed in any of the matches

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All councillors were present. Apologies were received from district councillor Ian Scott and the chairman welcomed County councillor John Blackie, together with Kate Jump, project officer for the Upper Dales Community Land Trust. Kate and John gave the council an update on the UDCLT and in particular, it's commitment to obtaining affordable housing for the dale. Various funding channels are being explored and a further update will be given at or before our January 2018 meeting.

**Road repairs in the dale:** Highway department had emailed confirmation that all notified repairs are in hand.

**Precept requirements** were discussed and an application for an increase was agreed due to the additional grass cutting undertaken this year and necessary for each year going forward.

**Correspondence:** A letter was received from the secretary of state to advise of the intention of ENTRUST to erect a telecommunications mast at High Seal Houses. The clerk was asked to reply advising of the parish council's support for the project.

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13th Film in Gunnerside Village Hall: *Their Finest*. 7.30 pm, doors and bar open at 7.00. £5 (children £3).  
20th Coffee Morning, Reeth Evang. Cong. Church. 10.00am  
27th Andreas Tophøj & Rune Barslund, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm

## February

- 2nd Reeth Show AGM, Fremington Hall. 7.30pm.  
9th Domino Drive & Supper, Arkengarthdale School, 7.30pm. £4 (children £2)  
16th Megson, Reeth Memorial Hall 8.00pm  
22nd TLC@Gunnerside, AGM followed by a pampering session, Gunnerside Village Hall. 7.30pm

## March

- 2nd Reeth Show Domino & Whist Drive, Reeth Memorial Hall. 7.30pm.  
9th The Emily Askew Band, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm  
23rd Tannara, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm

## April

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